

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 4140

TITLE: CRIME ANALYST II

GRADE: S-24

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision of the Deputy Chief of Patrol Operations, coordinates the Department's crime analysis functions; oversees the operation of the Crime Analysis System; supervises and trains crime analysts; and performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

A position in this class functions as supervisor over the crime analysis function and is centrally assigned to the Police Department's Patrol Bureau. In contrast, Crime Analyst I employees are assigned to operations units in the Police Department, such as the Criminal Investigations Bureau, the Operations Support Bureau, and the district police stations.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:

Supervises, coordinates, and directs the activities of the Department's crime analysts and ensures consistency of effort and direction;

Develops, coordinates, and reviews data gathering and dissemination procedures to ensure the accurate and consistent entry of data into, and maintenance, manipulation, and retrieval of information from, the Police Department's automated Police Records Management System (PRMS), including the Crime Analysis System (CAS) module;

Researches and identifies enhancements to the crime analysis function;

Schedules and conducts regular meetings with crime analysts to facilitate the exchange of crime analysis information and data;

Ensures consistency in the creation of data files and other output documents;

Plots areas of criminal activity Countywide using Geographic Information System (GIS);

Trains other analysts in the use of GIS;

Assists crime analysts in identifying and solving problems related to the provision of crime analysis services to departmental personnel;

Acts as a help desk and troubleshooter for crime analysis matters;

Maintains contact with crime analysts nationwide through the Internet and other forums to identify new trends in crime analysis techniques and tools;

Serves as a liaison with Police Department managers and attends operations meetings as needed to ensure that the crime analysis effort meets the needs of the Department;

Gathers data and prepares statistical reports;

Keeps supervisor informed of activities, developments, and accomplishments in the crime analysis program;

In the absence of a Crime Analyst I, serves as back-up support for crime analysis activities.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of supervisory principles and techniques;
Knowledge of the theory, principles, practices, and methods of crime analysis;
Knowledge of techniques used to conduct statistical analysis;
Knowledge of criminal investigation techniques;
Knowledge of the Police Department's reporting systems;
Working knowledge of Police Department operations and practices;
Skill in using computer applications, including Statistical Analysis System (SAS), Query Management Facility (QMF), Geographic Interface System (GIS), word processing, and graphics;
Ability to effectively supervise and coordinate the work of others;
Ability to analyze statistical data and draw sound conclusions;
Ability to extract pertinent information from law enforcement reports;
Ability to communicate clearly and concisely, orally and in writing, with law enforcement personnel and the public.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education, experience, and training equivalent to the following:
Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, public administration, business administration, or a related field involving course work in statistical analysis; PLUS
Two years of experience performing management and/or statistical analysis, including documented experience in conducting analyses, preferably in a criminal justice or law enforcement setting, and summarizing findings and conclusions in both oral and written form.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:

Not applicable.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must successfully complete a criminal history background investigation prior to employment.

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ESTABLISHED:

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